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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE SITUATION REPORT MARCH 14

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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
THE EMBASSY AS OF 2000 MARCH 14

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ARE BEING USED TO BUILD HUP ENEMY MAIN FORCE UNITS

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PART I: ICCS

1. DEFECTION OF HUNGARIAN ICCS SERGEANT MAR 11 TO AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY LEAKED TO PRESS MAR 13 AND STORY APPEARED IN
LOCAL PRESS MAR 14. DEFECTOR LEFT VIETNAM MAR 12. MAR 14
INDONESIAN MAJOR, DEPUTY INDO TEAM LEADER AT BIEN HOA,
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY PLUNGING FROM ICCS SECRETARIAT BUILDING
IN SAIGON. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED, ACCORDING INDO SOURCES,
HAD "MENTAL BREAKDOWN." HE IS UNLIKELY TO SURVIVE.

2. CANADIAN EXSTAFF MIN SHARP IS DUE TO ARRIVE SAIGON MAR 15,
DEPARTING MAR 17. HIS SCHEDULE CALLS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
GVN FONMIN LAM, CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND PM, AND VISITS TO ICCS
INSTALLATIONS AT TAN SON NHUT, SECRETARIAT BUILDING AND
CAN THO REGIONAL SITE. CANADIANS ARE HOSTING LARGE COCKTAIL
FUNCTION TO WHICH ALL FOUR REPS OF FPJMC ARE INVITED.

3. ICCS, IN ABSENCE ANY AGENDA ITEMS, DID NOT HOLD
PLENARY SESSION MAR 14.

PART II. FPJMC CONFIDENTIAL

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1. 108 US PW' S ---107 MILITARY AND ONE CIVILIAN-- WERE RELEASED AT HANOI TODAY. AS OF 1730 HOURS THE RELEASE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE GONE SMOOTHLY.

2. ANOTHER 1200 COMMUNIST PW' S WERE TO HAVE BEEN MOVED TODAY FROM PHU QUOC PW CAMP TO THE RELEASE POINT AT CAMP EVANS, MRI. ONE LOAD OF 100 COULD NOT BE MOVED DUE TO AIRCRAFT PROBLEMS. OF THE REMAINING 1100, BY 1730, 800 HAD REACHED CAMP EVANS, AND ANOTHER 300 WERE ENROUTE; IT WAS, HOWEVER, UNCERTAIN WHETHER ALL 1100 COULD BE TURNED OVER MARCH 14, GIVEN THE TIME AVAILABLE. THE FPJMC CHIEFS OF DELGATIONS MET MAR 14, DISCUSSING AMONG OTHER MATTERS THE CHOICE OF AN ALTERNATE RELEASE POINT IN LIEU OF TAM KY AND DUC PHO.

PART III: CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS (VNP) TODAY CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS WITH 69 78 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS UP TO 0600 MARCH 14. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 13,651 KIA, 202 CIA. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 2611 KIA AND 12,454 WIA. 278 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, 810 WOUNDED AND 787 ABDUCTED.

PART IV. MR- I

1. A TOTAL OF 58 INCIDENTS WERE RECORDED IN MR 1. 48 OF THEM ATTACKS OF FIRE (ABF) WITH 1,577 ROUNDS RECEIVED. AIRBORNE AO WAS AGAIN THE MAJOR TARGET WITH 26 ABFS TOTALING OVER 800 ROUNDS. INTELLIGENCE CONTINUES TO REPORT ENEMY BUILD-UP IN WESTERN DMZ, WESTERN QUANG TRI AND THAU THIEN, AND IN LAOS WEST OF QUANG TRI WITH NUMEROUS TRUCK, EARTH MOVER, AND AAA SIGHTINGS. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY AXPENDED WAS 6,400 ROUNDS NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS AND 2,420 SOUTH. THERE WERE NO VNAF SORTISJ OR NAVAL GUNFIRE USPPORT MISSIONS REPORTED.

2. A MEMBER OF POLDEL HAS TOLD CONGEN POLOFF THAT COL EDWARD MIWINSKI HAS BEEN RECALLED AND REPLACED AS HEAD OF THE REGION III POLISH DELEGATION BY COLONEL HIPOLIT SLAWINSKI. REASON FOR XECALL WAS NOT GIVEN.

3. HUE POLOFF REPORTS THAT ICCCS REGION 1 HAS BEGUN LIVELY DEBATE ON SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS INCLUDING THREE INVESTIGATION
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REQUESTS: THE OLD CUA VIET REQUEST, A GVN CLAIM THAT THE PRG FIRED ON A GVN VESSEL THREE NAUTICAL MILES OUT OF THE CUA VIET RIVER, AND A PRG COUNTER- CHARGE THAT THE GVN VESSEL HAD " INVADED" PRG TERRITORIAL WATERS. CANADIANS AND HUNGARIANS ARE HEADING THE DEBATING TEAMS WITH THE

INDONESIANS AND POLES IN SUPPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEAGUES.
ACCORDING TO POLOFF, CANDIANS APPEAR HEARTENED BY DEVELOPMENTS.

4. QUANG NGAI POLOFF PROVIDES FOLLOWING DETAILS REGARDING
ABORTED PRISONER EXCHANGE ORIGINALLY SHCEDULED TO TAKE PLACE
MAR 11 NEAR VAN LY HAMLET IN DUC PHO DISTRICT. IN PREPARATION
FOR THE EXCHANGE, GVN TROOPS WERE INSTRUCTED TO OBSERVE BLANKET
CEASEFIRE IN THE VAN LY AREA, WHICH HAD BEEN THE SCENE OF SEVERAL
SHARP ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE PREVIOUS THREE WEEKS. POLOFF
WAS TOLD IN CONFIDENCE BY MEMBER OF QUANG NGAI HEADQUARTERS
HOWEVER, THAT RF UNIT SOUTH OF VAN LY CALLED ARTILLERY FIRE INTO
AREA AFTER OBSERVING LARGE ENEMY TROPS MOVEMENTS WHICH
DID NOT SEEN RELATED TO THE PRISONER EXCHANGE. SOURCE SAID
THAT GVN TROOPS HAD BEEN ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY COMMUNIST
WOULD USE OCCASION OF PRISONER EXCHANGE TO GAIN ICCS RECOGNITION
OF PRG CONTROL OF THE AREA. ICCS TEAMS FROM DANANG AND CHU LAI
WERE NOT INFORMED OF LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF PRISONER
EXCHANGE AND ARRIVED AS SCHEDULE. PROVINCE CHIEF LED THEM ON
TOU DUC THO DISTRICT. PROVINCE CHIEF LATER TOLD QUANG
NGAI AREA DIRECTOR THAT IF COMMUNIST LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON
DUC PHO, AS HE ANTICIPATES, ICCS WILL HAV NO DOUBTS AS TO WHO
VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE.

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5. QUANG NAM SECTOR HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE ISSUED LARGE QUANTITY OF ANTI- VEHICLE MINES, B-40 ROCKETS AND 82 MM MORTAR SHELLS FOR USE IN DEFENDING THE LOC HIEP TRIANGLE (" ARIZONA TERRITORY") AGAINST CURRENT GVN OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, NLF POLITICALCADRE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO PROPAGANDIZING ACTIVITIES IN REFUGEE CAMPS. SECTOR HEADQUARTERS BRIEFED THAT LOCAL COMMUNIST UNITS ARE PREPARING NEW HOUSES IN SECTIONS OF DIEN BAN AND
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QUE SON DISTRICTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE BROUGHT OUT OF GVN REFUGEE CAMPS.

6. QUANG NGAI AREA TEAM DIRECTOR REPORTS THAT DESPITE STRONG GVN PRESSURE, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF SA HUYNH RESIDENTS TO RETURN PERMANENTLY TO THEIR HOMES FOR FEAR OF ANOTHER COMMUNIST ATTACK. SOME 16,000 PERSONS HAVE REGISTERED FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION BENEFITS BUT ACCORDING TO AN AS YET INCOMPLETED CENSUS, ONLY 15,000 HAVE ACTUALLY RETURNED. DUC PHO DISTRICT CHIEF LTCL HIEU SAID MAR 7 THAT HE IS RELUCTANT TO MAKE LARGE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS BECAUSE ONCE THE PEOPLE ARE PAID THERE WOULD BE NO INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO REMAIN IN SA HUYNH. LTCL HIEU HAS ALSO RESTRICTED FISHING FOR FEAR THAT SA HUYNH FISHERMEN WILL LEAVE THE AREA.

PART V. MR-2

1. MILITARY: MOST CONCENTRATED FIGHTING THIS PERIOD OCCURRED IN THREE NORTHERN DISTRICTS OF BINH DINH, WHERE THREE ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS WERE REPULSED BY ELEMENTS OF ARVN 22 ND DIV, AND ONE ENEMY ABF WAS LAUNCHED. IN BINH THUAN, TWO ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS AND THREE ABF OCCURRED WITH LIGHT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. PLEIKU SECTOR REPORTED FIREFIGHT

BETWEEN RF AND VC 10 KILOMETERS NNW OF PLEIKU CITY AND TWO ENEMY AFB ON FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN THANH AN AND PHU NHON DISTRICTS. PHU YEN SECTOR REPORTS RANGER UNITS HAVE ROUTED VC FROM LAST REMAINING HAMLET UNDER ENEMY CONTROL IN HIEN XUONG DISTRICT AND NOW CLAIM ALL HAMLETS IN PROVINCE UNDER GVN CONTROL.

2. DARLAC PROVINCE CHIEF (PC) MET BAN ME THUOT (BMT) ICCS TEAM FOR FIRST TIME MAR 12 AND ESCORTED THEM ON MARATHON TOUR OF PHUOC AN DISTRICT WITH NO CONCESSION FOR LUNCH HOUR DESPITE SOME GROUSING BY HUNGRY CHIPS. HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNKET WERE BRIEFING BY DEPUTY CHIEF, VISITS TO MONTAGNARD RESETTLEMENT SITES AND IRRIGATION PROJECT, AND STOP AT VIETNAMESE COFFEE PLANTATION. ONLY POLITICAL NOTE SOUNDED AT PLANTATION, WHERE OWNER ASKED THEM TO LOOK INTO COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. HUNGDEL HEATEDLY RESPONDED THAT ICCS JOB WAS TO UPHOLD AGREEMENT AND INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS BY BOTH PARTIES, NOT JUST BY COMMUNISTS. DARLAC POLOFF WHO ACCOMPAINED PARTY
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SAID TOUR CONDUCTED WITH LITTLE ADVANCE PLANNING AND NO DISCERNIBLE STAGEMANAGING.

3. SECOND ICCS OUTING WITH PC TO LAC THIEN DISTRICT MAR 13 MORE COMMERCIALIZED AND INCLUDED SUCH HIGHLAND STANDARDS AS WINE, ELEPHANTS AND BRACELETS. MEANWHILE, INVESTIGATION OF JAN 28 AFB ON QUANG NHIEU VILLAGE WHICH THIS TEAM HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT HAS BEEN CANCELLED BY ORDER OF REGION 3 ICCS HQ; REASON UNKNOWN. A CAPT KOVACS, REPORTED TO HAVE LEGAL BACKGROUND, HAS REPLACED CAPT NAGY AS CHIEF HUNGDEL IN BMT.

4. TUY AN ICCS TEAM RECEIVED ORDERS MAR 10 TO INVESTIGATE FOUR VIOLATIONS REPORTED BY PC THROUGH FPJMC CHANNELS AND HAS SPENT LAST SEVERAL DAYS DECIDING HOW TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AND WHAT SUPPORT ITEMS TO REQUEST FROM GVN. MEANWHILE, VC GUERRILLA UNIT COMMAND- DETONATED A 105- MM HOWITZER SHELL IMPLANTED ON QL-1 ONLY ONE KM SHOUT OF ICCS COMPOUND AT 0840 ON MAR 10; APPARENT TARGET-- TWO ARVN TRUCKS-- ESCAPED WITHOU G DAMAGE. ICCS PASSED SAME POINT 20 MINUTES LATER ON SCHEDULED TRIP TO TUY HOS BUT DIT NOT INVESTIGATE AT TIME AND HAS NOT SINCE.

5. CANDEL AT ICCS REGION 4 TOLD POLOFF THAT ICCS WOULD BEGIN INVESTIGATION MORING MAR 14 INTO ABF ON DOWNTOWN PHAN THIET TWO DAYS EARLIER. CASUALTY COUNT IN THAT INCIDENT REVISED UPWARD AND NOW STANDS AT 13 WOUNDED IN ADDITION TO FIVE KILLED. PROVINCE COUNCIL ORIGINALLY PLANNED MASS FUNERAL FOR VICTIMS AND ANTI- VC DEMONSTRATION BUT HAS NOW DROPPED

THIS PLAN IN FAVOR OF PROTEST THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.
ELSEWHERE IN TINH THUAN, SECTOR S-3 ESCORTED TWO CANDELS
TO SITE TO TAN DIEN ATTACK MAR 10. CATHOLIC VILLAGERS
IN THIEN GIAN DISTRICT, ANGERED BY VC GENADE INCIDENT OF
MAR 10, ADDRESSED PETITION TO PC ASKING ICCS INTERVENTION
TO END VIOLATIONS AND OBTAIN COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS AND ACTION
IN FPJMC TO GET VC TO OBSERVE PARIS AGREEMENT. PC REPORTEDLY
DRAFTING " ULTIMATUM" TO THIS EFFECT.

6. HASTILY- ORGANIZED CEREMONY TO LOWER KOREAN FLAG HELD AT
FORMER FIRST FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERS AFTERNOON ON MAR 13
AND LAST PLANELOAD OF ROKFV TROOPS DEPARTED NHA TRANG AIRPORT
THIS MORNING. EXCEPT FOR A SMALL MOP- UP CREW, NO FOREIGN
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TROOPS REMAIN IN MR 2. AMONG THOSE PRESENT TO WITNESS
DEPARTURE WERE TEAMS OF DRV AND PRG OFFICERS FROM CENTRAL
FPJMC, WHO WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY US/ GVN ELEMENTS FROM
NINH HOA FPJMT. PRG DELS SALUTED US REPS AND SHOOK HANDS
BUT DID NOT SALUTE ARVN. DRV/ PRG BOARDED PLANE TO CHECK
MANIFEST AND COUNT HEADS, THEN VIEWED TAKE- OFF.

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PART VI MR 3

1. MR 3 HEADQAU RTERS IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COMMUNISTS HAVE REPLENISHED MAIN FORCE UNITS WITH RELEASED PW. SOME SOURCES ESTIMATE THAT THE NVA HAS AUGMENTED ITS MAIN FORCE UNITS BY ABOUT 5,000 FROM THIS MANPOWER POOL.

2. MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT MR 3 INCREASED SOMEWHAT. DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 1600 HOURS MARCH 13 WITH A
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TOTAL OF 32 ENEMY INITATED INCIDENTS, CONSISTING OF SIX GROUND ENGAGEMENTS AND 26 ATTACKS BY FIRE. THIS WAS A MODERATE INCREASE OVER THE PRCEDING 24 HOUR PERIOD. RVNAF UNITS CONTINUED SECURITY OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF POPULATION CENTERS AND LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS.

3. ENEMY GUERRILLA ACTIVITY CONTINUES AT A LOW INCREASING LEVEL IN OUTLYING AREA OF BIEN HOA PROVINCE. ON MAR 8, AN ESTIMATED PLATOON OF VC ATTACKED TWO RF SQUADS IN TAN UYEN DISTRICT. ON MARCH 9, THE ENEMY FIRED B-40 AND AK-47 ROUNDS INTO AN RF POSITION IN TRONG BON VILLAGE. IN LONG THANH MID- AFTERNOON MARCH 9, THE ENMY FIRED AT CIVILIAN VEHICLE ON HIGHWAY 15 NEAR THE PHUOC TUY- BIEN HOA BORDER, DAMAGING THE VEHICLE AND INJURING ONE CIVILAIN . MAR 10, THE ROAD BETWEEN LONG THANH AND NHON TRACH WAS CLOSED IN PHUOC THIEN VILLAGE. TWO WOMEN REPORTED TO LONG THANH POLICE HEADQUARTERS ON MAR 9 THAT THEIR TRUCKS HAD BEEN STOLEN BY THE VC AND LATER RELEASED, PRESUMABLY AFTER TRANSPORTING VC SUPPLIES.

PART VII. MR-4

1. ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE CONCENTRATED IN CHUONG THIEN AND DINH TUONG. FEW GROUND ATTACKS REPORTED. MOST INCIDENTS ARE LIGHT ATTACKS BY FIRE ON NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OUTPOSTS.

2. THE KHANH HUNG ICCS TEAM INVESTIGATED AN ALLEGED VC ATTACK ON A GVN WATCHTOWER IN BA XUYEN MARCH 10. THE GVN OFFICER IN CHARGE HAD HIS THROAT CUT. ONE OF HIS COMRADES WERE WOUNDED AND MISSING. THE WATCHTOWER'S WEAPONS HAD ALSO DISAPPEARED. A GVN STAGED DEMONSTRATION WELCOMED THE ICCS TEAM AT THE INCIDENT SITE. THE HEAVY HANDED ORCHESTRATION OF THE VIOLATION MADE THE ICCS NUMBERS SUSPICIOUS THAT THE INCIDENT WAS STAGED. ACCORDING TO T KHANH HUNG ICCS SOURCE, THE CONFLICTING STORIES AND FIGURES PRESENTED TO THE INVESTIGATORS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT THE WATCHTOWER. THE CONGEN SPECULATES THAT THE INCIDENT WAS AN INSIDE JOB AND THE GVN MAY HAVE TRIED TO OBSCURE THAT ASPECT BY JUGGLING FACTS. THE GVN IS FEELING ITS WAY WITH THE ICCS AND HOPEFULLY WILL LEARN TO BE MORE SELECTIVE IN CHOOSING VIOLATIONS TO PROTEST.

3. PROVINCE OFFICIALS ARE GIVING ICCS TEAM MEMBERS GUIDED
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TOURS OF THE PROVINCES. THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCE CHIEF PREPARED FOR AN ICCS TEAM TO VISIT RACH GIA CITY BY REPLACING FADED GVN FLAGS WITH NEW ONES AND REMOVING ALL MARKINGS FROM BRIEFING MAPS WHICH MIGHT INDICATE THE LEVEL AND NAURRE OF PROVINCE MILITARY ACTIVITY. THE QUAN LONG ICCS TEAM IS TOURING ALL THE DISTRICTS IN ITS AREA. SIMILAR TOURS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN KIEN TUONG, VINH BINH, AND KIEN HOA.

4. AS X PLUS 60 APPROACHES, GVN OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO SPECULATE ON THE PROSPECTS OF THE TPJMC. THE CHIEF OF THE VINH LONG GVN JMC AND THE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF TOLD A POLOFF MAR 13 THAT THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE TPJMC COULD FUNCTION DESPITE THE FAILURE OF THE FPJMC TO GET OFF THE GROUND. THE JMT CHIEF SAID HE THOUGHT PRG JMC MEMBERS WERE UNDERGOING TRAINING IN THE NORTH AND WOULD JOIN THE JMC WHEN " HIGH LEVEL PLANNING" WAS COMPLETED.

5. POLITICAL PROPAGANDA THEMES CONTINUE TO STRESS DESERTION FROM RVNAF AND PRG VICTORY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. ON MAR 9 THE VC KIDNAPPED 15 UNARMED PSDF IN TRUC GIANG DISTRICT, KEIN HOA, AND SCATTERED LEAFLETS URGING DESERTION TO VC RANKS. IN AN XUYEN AND VINH LONG THE VC HAVE STEPPED UP SHELLING OF ISOLATED OUTPOSTS, PERHAPS TO ADD A LITTLE EXTRA INDUCEMENT TO FOLLOW THEIR CALL FOR DESERTIONS.

6. ORGANIZATIONS OF THE POPULAR FRONT AND DEMOCRACY PARTY CONTINUES AT VILLAGE LEVEL. THOSE WILLING TO JOIN ARE GETTING A TWO FOR ONE BARGAIN BEING ENROLLED IN THE PARTY AND THE FRONT AT THE SAME TIME. IN REVIEWING THE PARTY AND FRONT CADRE LISTS, WE NOTE THAT IN AT LEAST HALF THE PROVINCES THE CHAIRMEN OF THE PROVINCE IS ALSO LEADER OF THE FRONT AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PARTY.

7. THE GOVERNMENT- RUN CREDIT COMMERCIAL DU VIETNAM (CCV), THE LARGEST COMMERCAIL BANK IN VIETNAM, HAS JUST ESTABLISHED A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXTEND SMALL LOANS FOR AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, AND FISHERIES PROJECTS. IN THE PAST CCV SPECIALIZED IN MULTI- MILLION PIASTER LOANS TO RICE MERCHANTS. ACCORDINF TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE CAN THO BRANCH, CCV HAS ALLOCATED \$ VN 1.6 BILLION
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